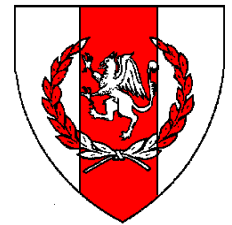


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REGULAR MEETINGS

Council Meetings: in room G008 of the Crisp Building at the ANU, on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

Fighting and Marshal things

Baronial Heavy Fighter practice: Sunday mornings at ANU Oval from 10 am. except on weekends with fighting events.

Rapier practice: **Monday** Nights at the Armoury (28 Goessling Pl Flynn) from 7pm.

Wednesday nights at 14/67 Mcquoid St, Queanbeyan from 7.30 pm. Please ring first on 299 4638.

Archery practice: Sundays at ANU Oval from 10 am.

Town Archer: second Sunday of each month at the same time and place, but it is a costumed event.

Combat Archery first Saturday of the month at the Cross Roads Site (8 km from Yass towards Goulburn on the Hume Highway - look for the Crossroads sign on the left) and on the third Saturday at Southwell Park, Lyneham, both from 1 pm. Please ring the Captain of Archers Simon Price at the Yew, 291 6802, beforehand if you are going to turn up.

Barrow Downs Fighter practice: Wednesday night practice at Barrow Downs (51 Kingsmill St, Kambah) from 6 pm. Everybody welcome.

Toad Hall Training: Thursday nights at Toad Hall (108 Nemarang Cres, Waramanga) from 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Music Practice: Friday evenings at 8 pm at 7 Binya Place, Narrabundah. For more information, contact Rosamunde (Ellen Levingston) on 295 8350.

Heraldry: Monday nights from 7.30 pm at Schloss Unordentlich and the Insanitorium (36 Blackham St, Holt) for consultations on name and device submissions etc. Please ring the herald beforehand so that he can bring his books along.

Drama: Sunday evenings from 7.30 pm on at the Mummery.

Dancing: Wednesdays, from 6.30 pm, except on Council evenings at the Dancing Biscuit, 6 Meyrick Place, Florey..

Stitch and Bitch: Tuesday nights from 7.30 pm at The Mummery. The rule is "No stitch, no bitch" or "No sewing? You're going!".

South Side Sewing Circle: Dragon Portal, 3 Kidgell Place Gilmore

Bake and Brew: Fourth Monday of the month 7.30pm at the INSANITORIUM (36 Blackham St Holt)

Arts and Sciences: Fourth week of the month at a variety of venues, contact A&S minister (Oonagh), at Dragon Portal.

Serious Stitching: Each Monday (except on Bake and Brew Nights), at the Insanitorium, from 7.30, for those who want to costume or research costuming. As the name implies it is a serious sewing session.

All events are 'official' SCA events unless specifically stated otherwise

REGULAR EVENT NEWS

Northside Rapier

Now that Summer is Here, **Northside Rapier** is starting up again. This time it will be held at the **Armoury** (28 Goessling Place, Flynn) on Mondays at 7pm. All Rapier Combatants are welcome to attend

Singing & Drinking

George Harcourt Inn. Mondays, 7.30pm - whenever. NO Filk! Lots of Noise! Beer! Cider! Guinness!
"St George's Tavern"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Early Music Fayre, November 18 - 19, 10 am to 5 pm each day

This event is being organised by the National Folk Festival and will be held at the Canberra Boys Grammar School (Monaro Crescent, Redhill). There will be singing and dance workshops/performances over the weekend, as well as a ball on the Saturday night. Pre-recorded music and music books will be on sale, along with exhibits by instrument makers.

The organisers have asked us to do a display of heavy and rapier fighting on the Sunday, starting at 12 noon. However, they would also like as many people as possible wandering around in garb for "colour" on both days, particularly wandering minstrels and heralds. I'd like to have a static display (photos, books etc), starting from 10 am on the Sunday. Should any of the populace wish to run a stall, I have details of costs and equipment provided. Cost is \$15 per day and includes entrance to all workshops/performances (except the ball, which costs an additional \$12, \$7 concession). However, entry to everything bar the ball is FREE for those doing the display.

For more information about the Fayre, or to have your own stall, contact Jo Cresswell of the National Folk Festival on (06) 249 7755 during business hours or read the flyer included in this month's Griffintayle. If you can help, please call Oriel of the Gypsies (Vicki Watson) on (06) 258 9587. One other point - the organisers are asking us to consider this year as a trial run, with the possibility of doing a "joint venture" next year (at a mutually suitable time), which could be a great way of getting people with similar interests involved in the Society.

Hobby Horse Crusade

12 November, 12 Noon, Potluck Picnic and Childrens event. This year the Hobby Horse Crusade is being presented by the Southern Canton. A Hobby Horse Prince and Princess will be chosen from the children participating.

Events include: Hobby Horse Races, Boffer Tourney, Jingles Games, List Shield painting & other childrens games. Arts & Sciences competition for children is an edible hobby horse.

Contact Katryn of the Forest (230 8258ah) for materials if desired. Autocrat: Mistress Ysabeau Chanteuse (294 1572ah). Cost: Members of High School or older age - \$2. Nonmembers - \$3. Children less than High School age - free.
Venue: Kambah Woolshed.

Black Knights Tournament

Saturday 11 November from 11am - 4pm at Commonwealth Park near the Pedestrian Bridge will be the site for the Tourney. A feast will follow, which will be held at the Weston Creek Community Hall from 6pm to midnight.

Autocrat: Sir Brusi Anderson of the Shetlands (Bruce Tobin 288 1262). Bookings Autocrat: Christopher Maclean (Christopher Stephenson 281 0253, 12/43 Anderson St, Chifley, 2606) Cost: \$12 members, \$14 non-members. Bookings are essential and are required by Monday 6 November but payment is not required until the event. More information will be provided in upcoming Griffintayles.

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Agents among the scattered ranks belonging to various, unnamed, colleges report the ongoing disputes between St Aldhelm and St Ursula on one side and various, lesser, institutions on the other. Intelligence suggests that matters will come to a head in the immediate December post-exam period. It is expected that their forces will march against the outnumbered but undaunted forces of the combined St Aldhelm/St Ursula (St Urshelm?) and attempt to confront our gallant host in the field hard by the village of Crossroads.

The valiant (but outnumbered) warriors of our host now call upon kin and kith, neighbour and friend, to come and aid us in this most noble and just of causes. Heavies, rapier combatants, and lights of all descriptions are desperately needed to hold the line against overwhelming odds. We guarantee nothing but a glorious death.

It is expected that the battle will take place on the 2nd and 3rd of December, on the fields of Crossroad (near Yass, NSW).

More details will become available as our agents report. Autocrat: Martin de Mont Blanc (Alex Tewes) 257 8414.

Eastern Feast

There will be an Eastern Feast held on December 7. The King & Queen, Prince & Princess are expected to attend. Numbers are limited, so bookings are essential. Autocrat: Eric (258 3470 ah). For further details contact the autocrat.

Tourney in the Park

(early to mid March 1996)

The Canberra Festival people have asked us to do Tourney in the Park again. While details are not yet finalised, I intend to have the same venue and timing as last year i.e. the Sunday before the long weekend (I think it's the 10th) in Glebe Park. As with last year, I want to have a pot-luck picnic and static display as part of the event. I'd also like to have at least one event within a couple of weeks of Tourney in the Park - any volunteers? More details will be provided in future issues of Griffintayle or contact the autocrat - Oriel of the Gypsies (Vicki Watson) on 258 9587.

From The Baron and Baroness

Unto the Populace of Politarchopolis do Stephen and Mathilde send greetings.

You've probably all heard the rumours, here's the news. Last month we, along with Martin de Mont Blanc, had a meeting with representatives of the ACT Government regarding the possibility of a Land grant for Politarchopolis. The meeting went well and they are keen to receive a full submission from Politarchopolis outlining our desires and plans. They have begun a preliminary look at available land with an eye to our activities.

There shall be a meeting on the 14th of November to discuss this issue and decide how to pursue it. Details of the possibilities and requirements are contained elsewhere in this issue of Griffintayle. Suffice to say we believe a permanent centre for the SCA in Canberra is something worth pursuing.

As you all know, the King and Queen, Prince and Princess will be visiting us in the first week of December. Don't forget to book for the Eastern Feast on the 7th of December, this will be the only event Their Majesties and Their Highnesses will be attending in Politarchopolis.

We are putting together a small box containing trinkets for each Royal Couple, as their due Taxes. The trinkets are the type that can be given out as mementos and gifts (rings, braid, etc.). All donations to fill the boxes will be gratefully received.

For those wishing to bid for September Coronet, the bids have to be with the Society Seneschal by the end of November.

See you at the Black Knight Feast and Tourney.

Yours in Service to the Crown and Politarchopolis

Stephen and Mathilde

OFFICERS' NOTICES, REPORTS etc From the Seneschal

Greetings All!

A small announcement ...

Over the past few weeks Baron and Baroness Politarchopolis and myself have been in negotiations with the ACT government about a grant of land to the SCA in Canberra. We had a meeting last week and it appears that we are eligible. The size and location of the parcel of land will depend on our formal application. Their words were "Tell us what you need and we'll find something suitable for you". The land would be on lease for a period of between 20 and 50 years, and lease costs would be 5% of the unimproved value (the figure of \$100 per year in lease costs was suggested by the government representatives).

Like I said above, the size and location of any land parcel is up for discussion, but it was suggested the size could be about 10 hectares. We presented a draft developmental plan to the meeting which entailed the siting of a tourney field with spectator stand, an archery range, and (later on) blacksmith's workshop, woodworker, pottery workshop, ablution block and ... a proper Feast Hall (with kitchen).

The actual plan to be incorporated in the formal application will be a reflection of any input by the populace of Politarchopolis in particular, and Lochac in general. This is because, although the site will be within Polit and owned by Polit, it should be seen as a resource from which the whole of Lochac can benefit. A place where eventually a Principality Library may reside for members to carry out research; a place where the history of Lochac may be displayed for future generations to marvel at the work and enthusiasm of those that saw Lochac take its first tentative steps; and a place that the SCA can call its very own.

A final word; the project is currently running under the tentative name of "Coeur Loyal" a french name meaning loyal heart. Coeur Loyal is, in my view, a statement of faith in the future of the SCA in Australia; it is saying that we firmly believe that in 50 years time the SCA will still be here and flourishing. It is giving the SCA roots into the very soil of our land and hoping to provide a "loyal heart" indeed to both Politarchopolis and Lochac.

I commend this project to all who read this words, and hope that you will freely give of your enthusiasm, comments, and ideas in the hope that Coeur Loyal grows and bears fruit for all of us to share.

In Service

Martin de Mont Blanc
Seneschal of the Barony of Politarchopolis

Coeur Loyal!

From The Chronicler

Greetings unto you all.

I would like to thank Lady Armida and my two Deputies, Nicodemus and Emily of Dover for their assistance with the last issue of Griffintayle. Much apologies to everyone for the lateness of that issue, but I don't intend to let any further issues be late again.

There is a proposal that will be discussed at the next Council meeting which is about the Griffintayle. Griffintayle is currently costing the Barony quite a lot of money, and unless we are able to continue with our (to-date) free photocopying, it will cost even more. We are proposing that Griffintayle will have a charge, which will cover photocopying (if necessary) and also postage. If you wish to discuss this proposal or any other ideas, please come along to the Council meeting in December.

Further, I am working with my deputies to provide a new format to the Griffintayle. Would you like articles to be included other than just officers reports and event notices? If so, please let us know, but perhaps more importantly, submit stuff!

My final comment is about getting the Griffintayle out on time. For the last few issues I have held up the Griffintayle for some nobles who wished to provide articles, late... This will not be occurring any longer. If people wish to place something in a Griffintayle, then Council meeting is the deadline for that month. If I am unable to attend the Council meeting, I will have someone present to collect all the notices. Griffintayle will then be sent out early the week after Council meeting. I hope this does not inconvenience anyone.

Yours in service

Rolland Guillaume de Navarre.
Politarchopolis Chronicler.

From The Arts and Sciences Minister

Greetings to all from the quill of the Arts and Sciences Minister, Oonagh O'Neill of the Blue Mist.

BELLY DANCING: Many thanks to Lady Romille de Mont Blanc for all efforts and endless patience with all of us left footed or should I say Hipped, (knees bent, pelvis forward, chest up, shoulders back, feet parallel, head and chin up, and

SMILE.), would be belly dancers. We all had heaps of fun and learned a lot.

ART AND SCIENCES NIGHTS: Because of an information hiccup, there will be TWO Arts and Sciences meetings in November. Tuesday 21 November 95 will be with the Baroness at the Mummery, the topic SUNSHADES. Thursday 23 November 95 will be at Dragon Portal, the topic Eastern costumes, customs etc. Both of these are to be the subject of an Arts and Sciences competition in 1996. Points earned go towards the Baroness' Arts and Sciences champion.

A CHANGE OF NAME: The Southside Sewing Circle is due for a change of name to coincide with the change of venue. It will now be known as the "SOUTHERN ARTS & SCIENCES", the abbreviated version is the "SAS". We will still continue to sew, provide advice, help with patterns and research of costumes, but as has been the case in the past all other Arts and Sciences are welcome and encouraged. A new rule, however, if you wish to just visit, please come, on another night. Dragon Portal has its doors open on Thursday evenings specifically for the SCA A&S being the SAS. (Figure that one out).

If you have any Arts and Sciences questions please feel free to contact me, if I cannot answer them I will put you in contact with someone who can.

Yours in service

Oonagh
Arts and Sciences Minister

SITUATIONS VACANT AND FILLED

Captain of Archers requires a deputy. Please contact Alessandro Firenzi (Simon Price) at the Yew 291 6802.

College of St Aldhelm requires a new Seneschal. Please contact Lady Armida (Miesje de Vogel) at Toad Hall 288 1305

Note: The choice of successor to an office must be ratified by the Politarchopolan Seneschal, the Baron and Baroness and the officer's principality superior.

POLITARCHOPOLAN HOUSEHOLDS

The Armory	28 Goessling Pl, Flynn, 2615	258 8086
Ars Musica	16 Jenkinson St, Monash, 2904	291 0491
Barrow Downs	51 Kingsmill St, Kambah, 2902	231 2465
Bedlam	61 Belconnen Way, Weetangera, 2614	254 3555
Castle Saburac	RMB 119A Cotter Rd, via Weston, 2611	288 0396
The Cloisters	18 Cambridge Gdns, Catchpole St, Macquarie, 2614	251 4491
Crock Cottage	Sutton Rd, Gundaroo, 2620	236 8195
Dancing Biscuit	6 Meyrick Pl, Florey, 2615	258 9978
Decadence Tower	36 Karri Cres, Queanbeyan, 2620	299 4962
Des Cartes	12 Mullagine St, Fisher, 2611.	288 1262
The Garret	68, Block B, Currong Flats, Braddon, 2602	257 1240
Dragon Portal	3 Kidgell Pl, Gilmore, 2905	291 5446
Hanger 18	34 Waramanga Pl, Waramanga, 2611	288 5271
Harpy's Wing	15 Prescott St, Farrer, 2607	286 3581
House Ego	55 Wilkins St, Mawson, 2607	290 0079
Il Parco Cellini	77 Bennelong Cres, Macquarie, 2614	251 6043
The Independent Duchy	59 Barnard Circuit, Florey, 2615	258 3470
The Insanitorium	36 Blackham St, Holt, 2615	254 5496
The Mummery	24 Edwards St, Higgins, 2615	254 3059
Pocketfield	7 Binya Place, Narrabundah, 2602	295 8350
The Punning Clan	24 Rogers St, Fraser, 2615	258 2279
Ruatha	"Ruatha" RMB Tinderry Rd, Michelago, NSW, 2620	230 8258
Schloss Unordentlich	17 Forwood Rd, Monash, 2904	291 4260
Smithfield	14 Hannam Pl, Mawson, 2607	286 1887
Toad Hall	108 Nemarang Cres, Waramanga, 2611	288 1305
Villa de Naiad	36 Edwards St, Higgins, 2615	255 2001
Weyhacche	34 Trumble St, Pearce, 2607	286 1280
The Wilde Woode	15 Sturgeon St, Conder, 2905	294 1572
The Yew	97 Henry Melville Dr, Gilmore, 2905	291 6802
Wyvernstridge	78 Maitland St, Hackett, 2602	257 8414

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